(c) whether some senior officers of E.S.I. Corporation, who are not entitled to this facility are using the staff car for the above said purpose;

(d) whether these instructions have been circumvented by some officers for using the staff car unauthorisedly;

(e) whether any recovery for unauthorised use has been made; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (f) The ESI Corporation is a statutory autonomous body set up under the ESI Act, 1948. However, the instructions issued by the Government of India regarding use of Staff Car by Senior Officers are generally followed by the ESI Corporation. Accordingly, senior officers of the ESIC are being provided staff car from residence to office and vice-versa on prescribed rates. Staff cars are also being provided for other officers in discharge of their official duties as and when required. No incidence of unauthorised use of staff car has been reported by the ESIC.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have got a list of members who have already given notices.

[Translation]

SHRI NITISH KUMAR (Barh) : Sir, I have also given a privilege notice.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You raise it during the Zero Hour which is why Zero Hour has also been regulated here. I will give you a chance.

SHRI NITISH KUMAR : As per the rules laid down, privilege matters get priority soon after the Question Hour is over. That is way I am seeking your permission.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Have you given the notice of privilege ?

SHRI NITISH KUMAR : Yes, Sir, I gave it yesterday. I met the hon. Speaker also and he told me to take it up today. This is very clear that papers are not laid before privilege matters are taken up. Privilege matters are taken up before taking any other item after the Question Hour is over.

[English]

SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI (Howrah) : I have given a notice of breach of privilege against the former Secretary-General. The Speaker said that he was enquiring from the former Secretary-General whose statement was deorgatory to the Parliament and the Parliamentarians. I gave the privilege notice long back, in the last session itself. The Speaker said he was enquiring into the matter from the former Secretary-General Shri Subhash C. Kashyap and he would inform the House. Three months are already over. Shri Kashyap is very much in town. Nothing has come out. I want to know about this. He has insulted the entire Parliament and the Members of Parliament. He has insulted the Chair of the Speaker and all the people working at the Table. This is not a right thing. And he is enjoying everyday. What is this ? Can we not catch hold of anybody ? Are we so poor ? The Parliament should stand on its own feet.

[Translation]

SHRI RAM NAIK (Mumbai-North) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I have also given a notice of breach of privilege against the Allorney General. He has also insulted the entire House. I had given my notice on 29th but so far no chance has been given to me.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Let me take up the Business. First of all papers to be laid on the Table.

[Translation]

SHRI NITISH KUMAR : Mr. Chairman, Sir, as per the rules, privilege matters should be taken first before the Papers are laid on the Table.....*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now we have started it.

SHRI NITISH KUMAR : I have got a point of order Sir, our rule says that privilege matters should be taken-up immediately after the Question Hour is over – only then any other items should be taken up.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Kindly read out that portion.

[Translation]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (Lucknow) : He is saying right but it is in practice that privilege motions are usually raised only after the Papers have been laid on the Table.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : I agree with him.

[Translation]

SHRI NITISH KUMAR : If Atal ji has said this then it is O.K.

12.02 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Annual Reports and Accounts of the Regional Rural Banks for the year ending on 31st March, 1996 and Auditors Report thereon

[English]

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : I beg to lay on the Table :

(1) A copy each of the following Annual Reports and Accounts (Hindi and English versions) of the Regional Rural Banks for the year ended on the 31st March, 1996, together with Auditor's Report thereon :-

(i) Kamraz Rural Bank, Sopore Kashmir.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1860/97]

(ii) Nadia Gramin Bank, Krishnagar.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1861/97]

(iii) Bhagalpur Banka Kshetriya Gramin Bank, Bhagalpur.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1862/97]

(iv) Sagar Gramin Bank, Calcutta.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1863/97]

(v) Hadoti Kshetriya Gramin Bank, Kota.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1864/97]

(vi) Arunachal Pradesh Rural Bank, Pasighar.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1865/97]

(vii) Gaur Gramin Bank, Malda.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1866/97]

(viii) Mayurakshi Gramin Bank, Suri.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1867/97]

(ix) Sharda Gramin Bank, Satna.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1868/97]

(x) Subansiri Gaonalia Bank, North Lakhimpur.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1869/97]

(2) A copy of the Income tax (Third Amendment) Rules, 1997 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No. S.O. 184 (E) in Gazette of India dated the 11th March, 1997 under section 296 of the Income-tax Act, 1961.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1870/97]

(3) A copy of the wealth tax (First Amendment) Rules, 1997 (Hindi and English versions) published in Notification No. S.O. 169 (E) in Gazette of India dated the 5th March, 1997 under sub- section (4) of section 46 of the wealth-tax Act, 1957.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1871/97]

Memorandum of Understanding between the Rural Electrification Corporation and the Ministry of Power for the year 1997-98

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : I beg to lay on the Table :

(1) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) :-

(i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Rural Electrification Corporation and the Ministry of Power for the year 1997-98.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1872/97]

(ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Power Finance Corporation Limited and the Ministry of Power for the year 1997-98.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1873/97]

Review by the Government and the Annual Report of the Biecco Lawrie Ltd., Calcutta for the year 1995 etc.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : I beg to lay on the Table :

(1) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956 :-

(i) Reviw by the Government of the working of the Biecco Lawrie Limited, Calcutta, for the year 1995-96.

(ii) Annual Report of the Biecco Lawrie Limited, Calcutta, for the year 1995-96, alongwith Audited Accounts and comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

(2) Statemet (Hindi and English versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1874/97]

(3) A copy each of the following papers (Hindi and English versions) :

(i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Madras Refineries Limited and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for the year 1997-98.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1875/97]

(ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for the year 1997-98.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1876/97]

(iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for the year 1997-98.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1877/97]

(iv) Memorandum of Understanding between the Engineers India Limited and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for the year 1997-98.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1878/97]

(v) Memorandum of Understanding between the Balmer Lawrie and Company Limited and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for the year 1997-98.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1879/97]

(vi) Memorandum of Understanding between the Cochin Refineries Limited and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for the year 1997-98.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 1880/97]